

Health law and more

I retired in 2023 from Mintz, Levin Cohn Ferris Glovsky and Popeo, P.C. where I was the Founding Chair of the Health Section. The firm now has seven offices, with significant health law presence in Boston, NY, and DC. My motto: "As long as health care is dysfunctional, there will clearly be work for the lawyers."

I've also served as president of the HealthWell Foundation, which offers financial assistance to patients who need help paying for medical care to treat cancer, rheumatoid arthritis and other diseases. Am currently on the Board.

HealthWell's website adds: "Mr. Weiner currently serves as board chair of the American Lyric Theater, based in New York (www.altnyc.org), as a trustee and chair of the governance and audit committee of Jacob's Pillow Dance, based in Becket, MA (www.jacobspillow.org); and as a board member and vice president of the Palm Springs Opera Guild of the Desert (www.palmspringsoperaguild.org). He has previously served as a board member of a number of health care organizations as well as of the Boston Ballet, OperaBoston, the Huntington Theater in Boston, and the Massachusetts AIDS Action Committee."

About 6 months before our 40th reunion, I and my partner Donald G. Cornuet, were married in March. My son, Ben, in his last year at Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, officiated at the ceremony. Long-time friends, Episcopal Bishop Gene Robinson and his partner, Mark Andrew, gave toasts. His son Jay has worked extensively on Native American legal issues and currently represents the State of Montana in negotiating water rights treaties with several tribes.

Back at the end of 2003, my son and daughter-in-law, Jay and Rebecca, became the parents of Andrew, my first grandchild. My daughter became engaged. I wrote back then: "The only negative is that her fiancé is a Harvard Law School-educated lawyer (can't have everything). He's working for the Justice Department dealing with terrorist financing. I expect this will be one of the rare orthodox Jewish weddings where the same-sex father and step-father will be prominent participants, along with the mother." Son, Isaac, was in a Ph.D. program at Chapel Hill in religious studies, "with a special focus on the difficulty posed for public policy and political discourse by participation of groups with, shall we say, strongly held religious convictions."

I was treasurer and finance committee chair of The Boston Ballet. Back then I wrote: "For those of you who follow Boston cultural developments, I am pleased to say that I played a role in getting us past the recent Nutcracker Troubles."